

January 14, 1971

Arthur J. Mear, Q.C.  
700 Chisney Hill  
Edmonton,  
Dear Spud,

We notice your committee is interested in ways and means by which Alberta's secondary institutions could delve into more areas of studies connected with Canadian problems.

In that category we would like to submit a small brief.

We are the last remaining independent magazine not supported by Government or Club, publishing in western Canada whose contents are solely devoted to western history, western authors and western artists. For six years we have operated this magazine at considerable financial loss. We have continued to do so because we believe it is essential young westerners develop pride in their western heritage. We also are aware that this interest is best established by a western Canadian publisher. The sale of the major school textbook firm to the Americans further confirms this need.

We feel that if we are to continue to operate we should receive some major support from the Provincial government or, lacking that, Federal government - although it is our feeling that the responsibility should be born by those who directly benefit.

At present the majority of school libraries and private schools in the western provinces as well as most public libraries take our magazine and claim it is an excellent source of reference for western Canadian history. It is our own belief that this should not have to be an individual contribution by a person such as myself. The fact that over 400 such magazines have failed in western Canada indicates the need for Government support.

Yours very truly,  
CANADIAN GOLDEN WEST

Dr. Ruth Gorman  
Editor- Publisher

RLG/dob